

JANUARY 24, 1825.

Read the first and second time and committed to a Committee  
of the whole House to-morrow.

## A BILL

*Providing for the gradual increase of the Corps of Engineers,  
and for equalizing the rank, pay, and emoluments of the pro-  
fessors of the Military Academy at West Point, and for other  
purposes.*

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*  
3 *from and after the passing of this act, the President of the*  
4 *United States be, and he is hereby authorized to increase*  
5 *the Corps of Engineers, and the Topographical Engineers,*  
6 *by an annual addition of two lieutenants to each over and*  
7 *above the present established number of officers of each*  
8 *corps, until both of the said corps shall respectively receive*  
9 *an addition of four first and four second lieutenants, which*  
10 *said additional lieutenants shall be taken from the most dis-*  
11 *tinguished of the graduates of the Military Academy.*

1 *SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the pay and*  
2 *emoluments of the officers of each of the said corps, shall*

be equal to those allowed to the officers of Light Dragoons under the act of the twelfth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, except so far as it relates to the rations allowed to subalterns by said act, in lieu of which, the lieutenants of both corps of Engineers, shall be entitled to receive the same subsistence as is now allowed to subalterns of the army.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint a Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy to the Military Academy, and that the Chaplain of the said institution shall be professor of Ethics, Geography, History, and Belles Lettres.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Professors attached to the Military Academy shall, from and after the passing of this act, receive each pay and emoluments equal to those of a major of Light Dragoons, and that all the Professors, with the exception of the Chaplain, shall have the rank of major, but which rank is not to entitle them to any authority, nor shall it take effect at any place, except at West Point, and in connexion with the Military Academy.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the principal teacher of the French language, and the teacher of drawing, shall each receive pay and emoluments equal to those of a major of infantry, and shall have rank corresponding with their pay, to be limited, however, in like manner as is provided in the case of the professors.

1        **SEC. 6.** *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be  
 2 appointed one assistant professor of Chemistry and Mine-  
 3 ralogy, and two assistant teachers of the French language.  
 4 and one assistant teacher of drawing; one sword and riding  
 5 master; one modeller, one fire worker, and one armourer.

1        **SEC. 7.** *And be it further enacted,* That the assistant  
 2 professors and assistant teachers, shall each receive pay and  
 3 emoluments equal to those of captain of infantry; that the  
 4 sword and riding master shall receive pay and emoluments  
 5 equal to that of a lieutenant of infantry; that the modeller  
 6 shall receive fifty dollars a month; that the fire worker and  
 7 armourer receive each thirty dollars a month; and that the  
 8 assistant professors and assistant teachers, and the sword  
 9 and riding master, shall have rank corresponding with their  
 10 pay, to be limited, however, in like manner, as is provided in  
 11 the case of the professors and teachers.

1        **SEC. 8.** *And be it further enacted,* That the Superin-  
 2 tendent of the Military Academy shall receive pay and emo-  
 3 luments equal to those of a Colonel of Engineers, as is au-  
 4 thorized by this act, and shall have a rank corresponding  
 5 therewith, to be limited, however, in like manner as is provided  
 6 in the case of the professors.

1        **SEC. 9:** *And be it further enacted,* That the Superintend-  
 2 ent of the Military Academy, under the direction of the Se-

3 cretary of War, be authorized to enlist for a term of four  
 4 years, unless sooner discharged, one sergeant, two corporals,  
 5 and twelve privates, to be employed as labourers, in the ser-  
 6 vice of the Military Academy, and who shall be entitled to  
 7 the same pay and emoluments as are now, or hereafter shall  
 8 be provided for the non-commissioned officers and privates  
 9 of artillery.

1        SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be  
 2 attached to the hospital of the said Military Academy, one  
 3 steward, with the pay and emoluments of a Cadet, one ma-  
 4 tron, who shall be allowed ten dollars per month and a ration  
 5 per day, for five attendants including a cook, nurses, and  
 6 washers, at eight dollars per month, each, and one ration per day.

1        SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the  
 2 act passed the twenty-ninth of April, eighteen hundred and  
 3 twelve, entitled "an act making further provision for the corps  
 4 of Engineers" as provides that one paymaster shall be taken from  
 5 the subalterns of the Corps of Engineers, be, and the same is  
 6 hereby repealed, and that the paymaster so authorized  
 7 and provided, be attached to the pay department, and be in  
 8 every respect placed on the footing of the other paymasters  
 9 of the army.

1        SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That, the meetings  
 2 of the Academic Staff, the members who shall constitute the

3 same shall take precedence according to their pay and  
4 emoluments, and the dates of their appointments respectively.

1       SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers,  
2 non-commissioned officers, and other persons authorized to  
3 be appointed, hired, or enlisted, by this act, shall be subject  
4 to the rules and articles of war.